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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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1. INTERNATIONAL PROSTITUTES COLLECTIVE

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Fax: 1 415 558 9628

Category requested: General

Date established: 1975

Membership: International organization, with 2,830 individual members in 26 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997

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Income	
Membership dues	2 880
Contributions from Governments	
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	
Contributions from non-governmental organizations	
Revenue from contracts	
Other income	
Grants/donations/media/speaking	11 256
Sales/events/interest	2 909
Total income	17 045
Expenditure	
Administration	6 755
Projects: research project	3 069
Other activities:	
Reports/services	1 280
International networking/conferences	5 584
Total expenditure	16 688

Aims and activities; participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Aims

Aims are to:

(a) Highlight the effects and end the criminalization of prostitute women, children and men;

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(b) Ensure that sex workers have protection against rape and other violence;

(c) Highlight the fact that prostitute women are women like other women, and ensure that sex workers everywhere have a voice and that their needs and demands are met;

(d) Press for sex workers to be recognized as workers with human, legal and civil rights;

(e) Oppose the racism, sexism and other discrimination based on legal and economic status, disability, sexual preference and so on faced by sex workers, including immigrant and migrant women;

(f) Make visible the economic contribution of sex workers, most of whom are mothers, to the survival and welfare of families and communities;

(g) Make policy makers aware of how the feminization of poverty, including structural adjustment programmes and economic restructuring, increases the numbers of women and children worldwide forced into prostitution;

(h) Press for viable economic alternatives so that no one is forced into prostitution by poverty;

(i) Gather and convey changes in public opinion that support the safety and rights of sex workers and their families;

(j) Work with individual Governments, United Nations agencies, the non-governmental organization community and the private sector to see that our aims become reality.

Activities

Towards these ends our activities include:

(a) Providing support, advice and information to prostitute women on the laws and their enforcement, safety, child custody, immigration, health, housing, welfare and other benefits;

(b) Running public education campaigns to raise awareness of sex workers' experiences and concerns;

(c) Gathering information and maintaining files on the prostitution laws and their impact on the lives of individuals and communities;

(d) Speaking to community groups, professional organizations, editorial boards, national and international conferences, schools, universities; and holding public meetings and media interviews;

(e) Lobbying local and national Governments;

(f) Publishing and contributing to articles, newsletters, books;

(g) Ensuring grass-roots participation and representation in relevant United Nations conferences and briefings; meeting representatives of United Nations agencies and government delegates; mailing and e-mailing information on United Nations activity and developments affecting sex workers.

Participation

We intend to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending the meetings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1998 and beyond, and the United Nations Commission for Social Development; being part of the non-governmental organization community including the NGO Committee on the Status of Women; conveying to our constituents and the general public progress and developments on our issues; and relaying the concerns of our constituents to the United Nations.

2. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ORGANISATIONS IN UGANDA

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Uganda
Tel: 256-41-258463
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Category requested: General

Date established: January 1992

Membership: National organization, with 1,500 community-based organization members; and 70 national organization members.

Summary of financial statement for year ending June 1998
(Uganda shillings (U Sh); US$ 1 = 1,350 U Sh (average))

	U Sh
Income	
Membership dues (subscriptions/registrations)	525 000.00
Contributions from Governments	
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	
Revenue from contracts and so on	
Other income	
Grants	245 060 292.00
Marketing network sales	84 503 112.00
Repayments	6 006 400.00
Revolving fund	37 104 480.00
Total income	373 199 284.00
Expenditure	
Administration: microcredit scheme	5 116 500.00
Projects	
District capacity-building	1 411 500.00
Information and research	3 485 000.00
Women's world conference	
Institutional/operational strengthening	81 832 287.00
Organizational assessment	
Campaign against child sexual abuse	22 385 500.00
Civic education	118 785 000.00
Women and environment research	2 769 000.00
Marketing network	82 945 161.00
Total expenditure	318 729 948.00
Surplus (Deficit)	54 469 336.00

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Aims and activities; participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

The mission of the National Association of Women Organisations in Uganda (NAWOU) is to promote a coordinated network of member organizations for the efficient use of resources so as to improve the status and living conditions of women in Uganda.

NAWOU's objectives are to mobilize women to form groups in order to address development issues of common concern; to coordinate and strengthen links between member non-governmental organizations throughout Uganda; to facilitate and coordinate networking between women groups, to encourage and develop arrangements for active and close cooperation with associates and other bodies throughout the world having similar aims and objectives; to be the voice and pressure group for member non-governmental organizations and all women of Uganda through lobbying and advocacy; to promote research into, and the collection of gender statistics on critical issues of concern to women organizations; and to assist in the mobilization of resources for community-based women's organizations in order to help them achieve their objectives.

NAWOU will share experience through workshops, conferences and newsletters with United Nations members and will contribute ideas and skills on all areas of concern for the improvement of the status of women.

3. ASSOCIATION POUR LA FONDATION MOHSEN HACHTROUDI

Address: 17 Rue Henry Monnier
75009 Paris, France
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Category requested: special

Date established: 1995

Membership: international organization with 102 individual members and 5 organization members in 3 countries

Summary of financial statement for 1997

(French francs (FF))

	FF
Income	37 935.85
Membership dues	37 935.85
Contributions from Governments	0
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	0
Revenue from contracts and so on	0
Other income	0
Total income	37 935.85
Expenditure	30 866.53
Administration	19 395.80
Projects	11 471.45
Other activities	0
Total expenditure	30 866.53

Our aim is to become a foundation based on Iranian soil. Given the current political situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, our preparatory work is being done in Europe. Our objectives continue to be education, a secular society, democracy and human rights.

We wish to emphasize that our Association already enjoys solid credibility; it is supported by internationally known and respected organizations. We believe ourselves to be capable of participating in the work of the Economic and Social Council in a spirit of tolerance, objectivity and impartiality. We firmly believe that there will be increasing need in future for the contributions of non-governmental organizations of proven seriousness. We hope to become a moral authority for the future Islamic Republic of Iran which we

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hope will be democratic. Opposition forces are needed to preserve democracy, especially in countries which have suffered from dogmatism and dictatorship. Non-governmental organizations are already a very significant force of opposition in the world.

MoHa is working towards these objectives and for a better future for Iranians.

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4. ASSOCIATION SOCIO-CULTURELLE DE BIENFAISANCE DE BENDER DJEDID

Address: P.O. Box 827
Telephone & Fax No. (253) 357565
Djibouti

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 14 November 1992

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 86 individual members, and no organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (Djibouti francs)

Income	
Membership dues	2 527 500
Contributions from Governments	7 576 500
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	1 770 000
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	885 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	3 969 150
Total	16 728 150
Expenditure	
Administration	13 745 821
Projects	5 174 785
Other activities	-
Total	13 745 821

Bender Djedid has set poverty eradication as its chief priority against a backdrop of growing economic difficulties. Our efforts fall in line with the overall development policy of the Government of Djibouti, with particular emphasis on education and basic health care.

Our target population is made up of the most vulnerable segments (low income households, orphans, senior citizens etc.) of Djibouti society.

Our recipients do not have access to social benefits, which are confined to the very small fraction of (wage-earners or salaried people) the country's population.

As far as relief work is concerned, Bender Djedid distributes food and clothes, and occasionally school stationery to its recipients, numbering more than 300 households.

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On festive days, Bender Djedid distributes mutton to the needy when the opportunity arises.

In the field of basic education, Bender Djedid opened in early December 1997 a day-care centre for young children. The day-care centre is now providing amenities and education-related activities for more than 30 boys and girls. Soon to start operating is the Association's small clinic. In the light of its previous and encouraging working experience with the United Nations system in Djibouti, Bender Djedid would like to strengthen its relationship with the United Nations by providing its local and day-to-day knowledge of the relief and development efforts in Djibouti. What the Council can gain from us is an indigenous and fresh insight into what poverty is all about in Djibouti.

5. CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

Address: P.O. Box 99
New Malden, Surrey, KT3 3YF
Tel: 0181 942 8810 Fax: 0181 942 8821

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 29 December 1980

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 11,811 individual members and 1,266 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	27 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	605 558
Total	632 558

Expenditure	
Administration	116 624
Projects	340 244
Other activities	122 731
Total	579 599

CSW aims to be a "voice for the voiceless". We work on behalf of persecuted Christians and others, and believe that it is our Christian mission to reach those people who are among the most outcast, the most deprived and most vulnerable.

Religious liberty advocacy

As a human rights organization, CSW reports on violations of human rights to numerous political arenas. It is also our policy to invite representatives of the media to accompany missions to areas where we are working in order to raise awareness and speak on behalf of victims of persecution who cannot speak for themselves.

Accountability

Although we are primarily a human rights organization, we believe that it is insufficient to be a voice for the voiceless when those for whom we are

speaking are dying of hunger and treatable disease. Therefore, an additional dimension of humanitarian aid is often required, especially where no other aid agencies are able to be present. We endeavour to be accountable, by sending staff to accompany aid, ensuring that it reaches those in need.

Authenticity

The credibility of reports on the plight of those suffering persecution is enhanced by first-hand evidence, including photographs and films. We also seek, where possible, to obtain the permission of those whom we seek to serve.

Solidarity

The people whom we try to reach are frequently cut off from most other organizations. They may be suffering living in war zones, for example, where without aid, they are also bereft of the advocacy that often accompanies aid. Those who it has been our privilege to visit repeatedly emphasize that our presence shows that they are not forgotten. This often transpires to be of greater comfort and significance than any material supplies.

Participation in the work of the Council

There are numerous ways in which we hope to participate in the work of the Council. Obviously, if granted consultative status, we would wish to give evidence to the Human Rights Commission and the Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Submissions would also be made to the various thematic and country Rapporteurs, and relevant Committees. We would endeavour to support improved monitoring and seek to work in partnership with other non-governmental organization networks, such as the Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Freedom of Religion and Belief. Obviously we would also seek to contribute to other relevant bodies, such as the ILO and UNESCO.

6. AHMEDABAD WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP

Address: 48, Somnathnagar, Vijaynagar Road, Naranpura
Ahmedabad-380013. Gujarat, India
Tel: 079-7470036, Fax: 079-7434122

Category requested: special

Date established: 1983

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 4,765 individual members, and 106 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997-1998 (rupees)

Income	
Government	4 55 506
Other non-governmental organizations	23 59 263
Other sources	3 24 585
Total	31 39 354
Expenditure	
Administration	2 30 365
Projects	22 62 524
Other activities	8 02 262
Total	32 95 153

The Ahmedabad Women's Action Group (AWAG) is active in the area of raising women's awareness to their individuality, leading them to demand equality and social justice. The most urgent problem that women face today is that of early death caused by violence within the family and malnutrition. Women are led by AWAG to say "no" to violence, to assert their individuality and demand equality. It is through this process that AWAG seeks to promote and protect women's human rights.

AWAG coordinates the activities of women's organizations in Gujarat, India, on the issue of violence against women. In workshops, seminars and meetings, AWAG has consistently brought up the theme of the human rights of women. A display "Violence and women's human rights in India" was put on at a number of places in Gujarat, and discussions were held on the subject. The display was also put on during the Fourth World Conference on Women.

AWAG filed a petition in the Supreme Court of India to assert women's rights to equality under articles 14, 15 and 16 of the constitution of India, and urged that the provisions in the personal laws of Hindus, Muslims and Christians discriminating against women be declared null and void.

AWAG protests against demeaning images of women presented in the mass media, representing women as objects. AWAG led a fruitful campaign to get school textbooks improved. The textbooks in Gujarat are published by the state government. AWAG researched the textbooks and recommended changes so that the material put into the hands of growing children would communicate messages of equality of the sexes.

AWAG has been active in the area of conducting gender sensitization training for the members of the police force and the judiciary in Gujarat. This is being done in pursuance of United Nations resolutions and the Platform for Action spelt out at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

AWAG has led a campaign to demand change in the legislation concerning Muslim women.

In Gujarat women are more and more oppressed by poverty. Their bodies are weakening; their size seems to be dwindling; more and more children are born underweight. AWAG proposes to protect Indian women's rights to life and health, right to live with dignity and to have healthy bodies.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE

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Woking, Surrey GU 21 5AJ
United Kingdom

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Fax: 44. 1483. 765615
Web site: http://www.hria.net
E-mail: HumanRights@HRIA.net

Category requested: Special

Date founded: 9 September 1994

Membership: Human Rights International Alliance (HRIA) is an international organization with 2,829 individual members and 31 member organizations.

Financial statement for 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income

Membership dues	2 000
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	8 731
Total	10 731

Expenditure

Administration	1 704
Projects (Research Missions)	4 000
Other activities	5 000
Total	10 704

Aims and activities

The aims of the organization are to identify areas for the betterment of the community both in terms of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relative covenants, with special emphasis on non-violence and protection of individuals' lives. The aims are to work in partnership with other national and regional human service organizations and human rights groups, bring common objectives and issues to public awareness, to promote multicultural awareness, relieve poverty, improve health conditions, promote education, improve economic and social conditions and save lives.

The organization, through direct services or referrals:

- Maintains a close association of member organizations and individuals, working for the common objective of promoting peace and human rights through research, analysis, education and rehabilitation;

- Is in the process of creating an international databank of human rights organizations and activists;

- Is in the process of creating a human rights hotline in order to monitor and ensure swift intervention in cases of arbitrary, insecure detentions;

- Promotes the basic human rights as per the United Nations Charter and relative international covenants. Brings awareness and educates the public through conferences, symposia and hearings on diverse human rights and thematic issues, such as role, responsibilities and cooperation of human rights actors, global ethnocide, women's rights, children's rights against exploitation and slavery, social and economic injustice, conflict prevention, human rights education etc.;

- Helps individual human rights activists, social workers and organizations by making them available for press interviews, public speaking engagements and corporate seminars;

- Appeals and campaigns for the release of prisoners of conscience, provides legal aid and relief for victims of political violence and torture;

- Promotes, encourages and undertakes research and disseminates the results of such activities. Produces, prints and publishes anything in written, oral or visual media in furtherance of the objectives;

- Provides the provision of counselling and guidance in furtherance of its objectives;

- Participates and contributes to international forums related to the objectives of the organization, including those organized by the Centre for Human Rights.

Human Rights International Alliance is an international organization whose mandate essentially covers the clauses included in United Nations human rights and related conventions.

Human Rights International Alliance was founded on the principle that the concept of non-governmental organizations active in all walks of life is spreading in the North as in the South. It seriously took into consideration the difficulties and necessities for regional organizations to be encouraged and make their goals, activities and achievements known. HRIA also realized the difficulties faced by international institutions, mainly the United Nations, to integrate all non-governmental bodies in its structure, and therefore chose to be a cross-cultural channel of knowledge and understanding with regard to human

rights and development issues. In this respect, HRIA activities correspond fully to the wishes expressed for the last few years by United Nations bodies for non-governmental organizations to get together and have common areas of understanding with consensus forms of expression within the United Nations system.

The activities of the organization are directed primarily towards promulgating better understanding and implementation of articles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and of the recommendations and resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. They also focus on active participation in such forums and United Nations organized working groups, assistance to special rapporteurs and consultancy with independent experts, the improvement of international provisions and legal instruments in the interests of individuals, peoples and nations seeking territorial peace, social and economic development, and respect for integrity and dignity.

One of the major tasks for the organization is the setting up of a human rights hotline. The purpose of the hotline is to provide individuals, in all regions of the world, with immediate assistance in case of arbitrary arrests and/or insecure detention. The hotline being a recipient of such cases, it shall then appeal to the concerned authorities by activating the HRIA network of United Nations appropriate departments and officers, non-governmental organizations, Parliamentarians and individuals.

8. NORTH AMERICA TAIWANESE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Address: 1317 Deans Dr.
Huntsville, AL 35802
United States of America

Category requested: general

Date established: 1988

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 844 individual members in two countries.

Summary of financial statement for year 1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	10 925
Other income (fund-raising)	28 949
Total	39 874

Expenditure

Administration	3 153
Projects (publications and postage)	5 740
Other activities (donations to other women/student orgs.)	1 200
Total	10 093

The purposes of our organization are to promote and raise women's consciousness; to improve gender equality and to prevent gender discrimination; to develop and encourage women's ability to participate in public affairs; and to disseminate such knowledge to enrich both their public and personal lives.

To achieve our goals, we support a newspaper column in which different women's issues are widely discussed. We also publish a newsletter, hold workshops, conduct leadership training camps, and, on request, send speakers to different regional Taiwanese American summer camps and local NATWA chapters to promote women's causes. We also have several supporting groups and are engaged with community services. To help inner-city high school students in the United States to a better education, several scholarships are awarded each year.

We have been reaching out to other women's groups as well. Each year, different representatives of different women groups are invited to our annual conference.

Since our establishment in 1988, membership has grown from 40+ to the current 844. As our organization grows, new programme are initiated and new tasks undertaken every year to further achieve our organizational goals.

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We are confident that, should we be granted consultative status, we would be a valuable member. Issues and projects we are particularly interested in are those that are related to women's status and advancement in society. Problems that Asian women immigrants encounter are also of concern.

9. GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE FOUNDATION

Address: 2-110 Ryokuchi-koen, Tsurumi-ku, Osaka 538-0036, Japan
Tel.: (81-6) 915-4121, Fax: (81-6) 915-0181
E-mail: gec@unep.org.jp

Category requested: Special

Date established: 28 January 1992

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 7 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1996 (Japanese yen)

Income	
Membership dues	
Contributions from Governments	4 500 000
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	306 128 297
Revenue from contracts etc.	42 391 000
Other	11 135 009
Total	454 154 306
Expenditure	
Administration	93 862 570
Projects	284 079 958
Other activities	70 320 000
Total	448 262 528

Global Environment Centre Foundation was established to make use of the abundant accumulation of knowledge and experience in the field of environmental preservation in Japan, in particular, those in the Kansai region, to support UNEP for urban environmental conservation in developing countries, to promote international cooperation for environmental conservation, and thereby to contribute to the conservation of the global environment which is one of the principle roles of the Economic and Social Council.

By providing information and points of view, GEC is able to contribute to the Commission for Sustainable Development where technology transfer and urban management are among the major issues discussed.

GEC activities which contribute to preservation of the global environment, especially to urban areas in developing countries include providing general support for the activities of UNEP for urban environmental preservation in developing countries; undertaking surveys and research; collecting and disseminating information; holding training programmes, seminars and symposia;

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facilitating communications with international organizations, governmental organizations and research organizations in various countries; and any other activities necessary to achieve the mission of GEC.

GEC has many activities in technology transfer and conducts projects in close cooperation with UNEP/IETC. For example, GEC and IETC held a seminar on information systems of environmentally sound technologies in Indonesia.

In the past GEC has participated in UNEP meetings, including the Governing Council, as an observer and as a supporting member.

GEC would like to participate in meetings of CSD and UNEP and contribute to the discussion by providing information and views on technology transfer and urban environment management issues.

10. KASHMIRI AMERICAN COUNCIL

Address: 733-15th Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 April 1990

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 32,094 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	25 600
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	176 800
Other income	285 286
Total	488 210

Expenditure

Administration	92 989
Projects	284 892
Other activities	133 049
Total	510 930

The chief aim of the Kashmiri American Council (KAC) is international education and promotion of principles of human rights and human dignity, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, self-determination and fundamental freedoms for all, irrespective of their racial, religious, linguistic or sexual preferences. Its special concern is the realization of international human rights norms. Its programme includes public education (speaking at symposia and conferences, publishing newsletters, fact sheets, newspaper columns, letters to the editor, monographs, essays, and other documents) related to the broader scope and the programme of the Economic and Social Council. Its programme also includes attending international human rights conferences to strengthen international human rights conventions and mechanisms, such as a permanent international criminal court or ad hoc arrangements like those established for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

The KAC's educational mission also seeks to inform the public about the honourable causes of all oppressed peoples' internationally recognized right of self-determination, the horrifying conflicts that generally erupt when basic human rights are suppressed, and the imperative of working through peaceful means with all legitimate popular voices (and renouncing terrorism or violence)

KAC intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending conferences and submitting papers that support international human rights conventions and adherence to human rights norms generally. KAC specifically is eager to explore an array of potential international sanctions and additional institutional arrangements that would better deter and punish human rights violations which tragically seem to have become commonplace among the family of nations. The several lofty economic, social and cultural objectives of the Economic and Social Council can never reach fruition when fratricide, conflict and human rights brutalities are afoot. That understanding places the peace-minded activities of KAC at the centre of the Council's raison d'être.

11. VOLUNTARY ACTION NETWORK INDIA

Address: H-17/1, Malviya Nagar
New Delhi 110 017
India

Tel.: (011) 6220674, 6428369, Fax: (011) 6220674
E-mail: vani@nda.vsnl.net.in

Category requested: general

Date established: April 1988

Membership: The organization is a national organ ion, with 51 individual members, and 180 organization member

Summary of financial statement for year ending 31 March 1998 (Indian rupees)

Income

Membership dues	67 440
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	3 627 837
Other income	594 880
Total	4 290 157

Expenditure

Administration	882 451
Projects	2 122 643
Total	3 005 095

In the 1980s, the need to have a common platform to voice their collective opinion began to emerge among voluntary organizations. Consequently after debate and discussion between 1986 and 1988 on forming a national network for voluntary action, to strengthen the cause of voluntary organizations, an informal forum with definite objectives was set up. This led to the formation of VANI in April 1988.

VANI aims to be not only a voice of those who want to create an atmosphere for value-based voluntary action but also a common platform for highlighting the causes, concerns and issues which affect the freedom and space for voluntary action in India.

The priority programmes of VANI are to promote value-based voluntary action, to protect and promote political space for voluntary action, to facilitate the formation of platforms, networks and federations for the promotion of voluntary action, and strengthen existing ones, and to be a common platform for emerging issues of sectoral concern. The programmatic activities through which these programmes are carried out are mainly information

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collection, analysis and dissemination; networking, dialogues and partnerships with other agencies and sectors; and advocacy/lobbying with government, donors, etc. The information system is a two-way process with VANI's members and other organizations sending information to VANI about the voluntary activities in their region; VANI, after analysing the information, gives it wider coverage through its newsletter. A documentation centre is also maintained at the secretariat.

A process of establishing the credibility of the voluntary sector has been initiated by VANI, in which a set of guiding principles has evolved through intensive debate and discussion. VANI members have already adopted these principles, and a mechanism for monitoring is being developed. Through sustained lobbying VANI has been able to influence policies and law-making bodies. Efforts are being made to bring changes to the existing rules and regulations for the smooth functioning of voluntary organizations.

Being a broad-based national network, VANI believes in building the capacities of state and regional networks for influencing policies at the macro level, for which a capacity-building programme has been started. VANI also facilitates the formation of networks in states where they do not exist.

After the World Summit for Social Development, VANI undertook a programme on monitoring of social development in India, since it believes that to be an issue which the whole sector should be concerned about. The follow-up programme is carried out by wider information dissemination through the bimonthly newsletter Social Update. Also, state-level consultations have been organized to assess the developmental programmes. A national commission on social development has been proposed and approved by eminent personalities from all walks of life. VANI is lobbying with the Government for setting up the commission.

VANI, addressing major social issues, believes in influencing the policies and the structure of policy-making bodies, both at the national and international levels. VANI feels its aim can help it work with the programmes of the Economic and Social Council on the global level, with further influence at national levels. Having a broad base representing the voluntary sector in India and the broad objective of achieving social development, VANI can prove its effectiveness by participating in the programmes of the Council. Being associated with the Council, VANI would benefit from the experiences and ideas of others at the Council and also share its own experiences for their benefit.

12. ANNAI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

Address: Post Box No. 22
2, Shenbagamuthu Street, Usilai Road
Tirumangalam - 625 706 - Madurai District
Tamil Nadu
INDIA

Category requested: Special

Date established: 8 January 1991

Membership: the organization is a national organization with 11 individual members and 150 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (Indian rupees)

Income	
Membership dues	45 900
Contributions from Governments	1 903 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	583 000
Total	2 531 900
Expenditure	
Administration	43 000
Projects	2 548 000
Other activities	-
Total	2 591 000

It is well known that in India about 80 per cent of our total population live in villages and are mostly engaged in agriculture, with a fatalistic mentality, having no knowledge of modern techniques. To maximize agricultural production, Annai Educational Society has imparted training in sound modern techniques in careful and effective management of agricultural development to small and marginal farmers. In drought-prone areas, people - especially women - have been organized as self-help groups and given training on farm sector activities, such as poultry, raising goats, and fishery and milk production. To reduce the growth of unemployment, Annai Educational Society has trained and helped youth to start income-generating projects, such as small-scale and cottage industries, by establishing community polytechnics and tailoring units. Regarding social problems, the prevalence of inequality and ignorance among the people has been an eyesore to the fifty-year-old independent India. So Annai Educational Society has conducted leadership training, awareness camps,

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workshops, conferences etc. Moreover, Annai Educational Society has conducted formal and non-formal education centres in villages to reduce illiteracy. For prevention of ill health and the promotion of positive health, Annai Educational Society has imparted health and hygiene education, and has established health centres in many rural areas with curative and rehabilitative perspectives. Further, Annai Educational Society has made provision of housing and proper sanitation facilities to the deserving rural masses. Annai Educational Society has planted trees to create necessary conditions so that man and nature can coexist in productive harmony. Finally, Annai Educational Society has established counselling centres, a free legal aid centre and a drug deaddiction centre for the well-being of the people.

Our first-hand information and grass-roots-level experience in the last seven years has proved that we are one of the institutions with credibility to continuously promote social development initiatives in India. This expertise in the field would help us to participate in the work of the Council. Moreover, it will help us to get wide exposure of United nations objectives and activities on developmental issues.

13. GLOBAL ECO-VILLAGE NETWORK

Address:

International secretariat
Skodsborgvej 189
Naerum 2850
Denmark

Category: Special

Date established: June 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 3,423 individual members and 162 organization members in 82 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997/98 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	10 602
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	544 278
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	-
Total	554 880

Expenditure

Administration	446 467
Projects	108 413
Other activities	-
Total	554 880

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Global Eco-Village Network (GEN) headquarters in Denmark serves as a global administrator and catalyst and promotes the establishment and development of eco-villages worldwide.

Therefore, GEN:

(a) Gives recommendations and consults members of its network;

(b) Promotes and coordinates eco-village training centres, education and outreach programmes which offer the potential of further developing and informing the shift from high consumption lifestyles to more satisfying, high

quality but low environmental impact lifestyles and social and economical structures;

(c) Promotes and facilitates the development of sustainable technologies and businesses, which is a prerequisite for the economic sustainability of these projects;

(d) Creates an international information network enabling eco-villages to rapidly increase their knowledge through the sharing of information, work exchanges, training and outreach;

(e) Is active in fund-raising;

(f) Makes lobbying activities on a global scale and is the global institution for eco-village communities' concerns.

Eco-villages are an integrated solution to the global social, ecological and economical crisis, and are appropriate for the industrialized world, both urban and rural, and the remaining two thirds of the world. Eco-villages are in essence a modern attempt by humanity to live in harmony with nature and with each other. They represent a "leading edge" in the movement towards developing sustainable human settlements, and provide a testing ground for new ideas, techniques and technologies which can then be integrated into the mainstream.

The Global Eco-Village Network is willing to cooperate with the Council through its commissions, programmes and projects, bringing in its expertise in eco-village lifestyles and sharing therewith its experiences in finding sustainable ways to overcome the global crisis of our days. Therefore, GEN would organize symposia and conferences with Council bodies in order to present and discuss the eco-village concept and deliver position papers to the Council. The Global Eco-Village Network is also interested in working in an eco-island project. GEN has just started to get involved in a project with UNDP in Brazil.

Thus, in accordance with Agenda 21 and the major plans of actions of the United Nations conferences held during this last decade of the twentieth century, GEN is dedicated to contributing to a healthier, safer and more sustainable and peaceful world.

14. INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY STUDIES

Address:

P.O. Box 4167
Halfway House 1685
South Africa

Category requested: General

Date established: 1991

Membership: The organization is an international organization with approximately 200 individual members and 3,800 organization members in 70 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (South African rand)

Income	
Membership dues	58 763
Contributions from donors (includes Governments, intergovernmental organizations and foundations)	7 746 316
Revenue from contracts etc.	143 495
Other income	99 868
Total	8 048 442
Expenditure	
Administration	2 045 048
Projects	6 815 990
Other activities	111 503
Total	8 972 541

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The mission of the Institute for Security Studies is to enhance human security in Africa. This is achieved through applied research and the dissemination of information that can inform decisions on critical areas of individual, national, regional and international security. The Institute is committed to democracy, good governance and the promotion of common security.

We undertake research on issues which are of concern to South Africa and the continent as a whole. Our focus is on providing practical implementable policy that will assist decision makers in the region. Thus, our safety and governance programme has worked closely with the Secretariat of Safety and Security, the South African Police Service and the Department of Justice in South Africa on issues related to the transformation of the police in a new democracy. Regionally, we have assisted the Organization of African Unity in

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its work to develop the centre for conflict management and to develop its capacity for early warning. We have also worked closely with the Southern African Development Community, more specifically its subcommittees, to raise the issue of illicit arms trafficking and domestic firearms control. In all of our endeavours, our work is supplemented and enhanced by the information and assistance we receive from other non-governmental, governmental and intergovernmental organizations.

In our increasingly interconnected world, the distances separating Africa from Europe and North America have decreased dramatically. As a part of this, we have increasingly reached out to organizations undertaking similar work in other regions or through other forums. Through a natural progression of interactions, we have, over the years, worked increasingly with the United Nations and its bodies, especially those of the Economic and Social Council. These interactions have taken the form of direct funding (we receive funding from Habitat and the United Nations Development Programme), consultations (for example, with UNESCO in Paris and its regional office in Namibia), and our attendance and participation at conferences and meetings. To date, we have been lucky to have Council-accredited organizations sponsor our attendance at these meetings. In the light of our anticipated further interactions with these bodies, however, we have been prompted to apply for consultative status ourselves. As an African-based non-governmental organization, we believe that we can contribute to the work of the Council through approved channels but that we can also gain from a closer cooperation with it and the entire United Nations system.

15. AFRICA FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

Address: P.O. Box 16099
Kampala
Uganda
Fax: 256-41-345580

Category requested: general

Date established: 1988

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 505 individual members and 23 organization members in five countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	35 000
Other income	13 110
Total	48 100
Expenditure	
Administration	22 100
Projects	16 400
Other activities	818
Total	39 318

Aims and activities

The aims of AFCI are:

(a) To promote socio-economic-based development, agriculture, housing and functional literacy;

(b) To provide means for poverty alleviation by providing credit and supportive services to the poor to start income-generating activities;

(c) To promote gender balance;

(d) To train youth in income-generating activities such as trade;

(e) To provide volunteer work in the community;

(f) To network and collaborate with organizations which have similar goals and objectives;

(g) To train men/women for the promotion of the Christian faith under our school of Worle Mission.

Its activities are:

(a) Providing credit facilities to the poor;

(b) Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ;

(c) Training the target group in functional literacy and adult education;

(d) Extending agricultural assistance in the form of seeds for food security;

(e) Conducting and organizing workshops/seminars concerning awareness of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

AFCI intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council in two ways: attendance at meetings, especially in areas where the organization has competence and authority, and by preparing papers in areas where the organization has competence - for instance, microfinance and credit administration.

16. AFRICAN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Address: 532 South Vermont Avenue, Suite #104
Los Angeles, California 90020
United States of America

Category requested: general

Date established: 1984 (Renewed, 1994)

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with approximately 50 individual members and 8 organization members (branches) in 20 countries.

Summary of financial statement for year ended 30 June 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Other income (grants, contributions)	189 447
Total	189 447
Expenditure	
Administration and projects	172 083
Other activities	-
Total	172 083

Aims and activities

The African Community Resource Center (ACRC) is a non-governmental organization committed to the humanitarian vision of improving the quality of life in developing countries by providing equal access to resources, information and health interventions. ACRC takes responsibility for advocating on behalf of those whose human rights have been violated - i.e., women and children in refugee camps, those who have been abused by their own Governments, and those in need of hospitals, clinics and universities. Our goal is to offer help where there is none, to give hope when all is lost, provide food and medical care where they are not available to those who need it most and to offer a pathway through injustice wherever we find it. Our mission is to work towards peace and development with compassion and humanity.

We carry out our goals through a variety of programmes around the world, including clinic building, supplying and maintenance; building universities, medical schools and research facilities; shipping medical equipment, food and other vital supplies; sponsoring conferences and conducting research on conflict resolution, reproductive health, leadership training, human rights and other issues pertaining to peace and development; and recruiting and using volunteer

professionals in the fields of medicine, science and technology, education, social work etc. to provide social services, research and advocacy of human rights issues around the world. ACRC has created, supplied and maintained free clinics for women and children in Africa, and has a history of providing medical care, medical equipment, food, prenatal care and nutritional training in Ethiopia, Zaire, Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania, Chad, Eritrea and Sierra Leone. ACRC conducts conferences and forums with foreign dignitaries from developing countries on issues related to their respective populations. For example, ACRC sponsored the First African Women's Network Conference (Los Angeles, 1996) with African women participants from the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Granting of consultative status under the Economic and Social Council would allow us to vote and participate in all United Nations activities and to receive direct accreditation for conferences, summits and other events in which we want to be active participants. ACRC has participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and a workshop panel at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Consultative status would strengthen our ability to work even more closely with the United Nations and would, as a result, allow us to expedite the humanitarian aid we provide to developing countries. In addition, ACRC would have a stronger voice with which to advocate for refugee populations, women's issues and peace worldwide.

17. CENTRO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO JUAREZ

Address: Serapio Rendon 57-B
Col. San Rafael
CP 06470, Mexico DF
MEXICO

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 22 March 1988

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 97 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	0
Contributions from Governments	0
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	283 722
Revenue from contracts etc.	0
Other income (individual donations)	2 998
Total	286 720

Expenditure

Administration	6 980
Projects	213 279
Other activities	0
Total	220 259

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The general aims of Prodh are to encourage the promotion of a culture of human rights in Mexico and to defend individuals and groups who have had their human rights violated. Our strategy has several elements: education and training, systematic analysis and dissemination of information regarding human rights investigation and denouncement of violations nationally and internationally, legal representation of individuals whose human rights have been violated and the development of national and international networks to combat violations.

To this end, Prodh runs workshops throughout Mexico for human rights promoters, indigenous communities and groups with the aim of increasing the national human rights network's ability to respond to violations. We also produce daily and weekly bulletins to provide an analysis of human rights violations and special reports focusing on specific regions or issues of

concern. These, as well as urgent actions, are disseminated nationally and internationally, which includes the holding of regular press conferences. We provide judicial defence for individual cases in national forums and at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. We also work closely with international NGOs, such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, and are active in international forums, such as the United Nations and the European Union.

Prodh is also a member of the National Human Rights Network Todos los derechos para todos, which includes 48 human rights organizations throughout Mexico.

With regard to participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council, Prodh presents urgent actions on a very regular basis to the thematic mechanisms and regarding human rights violations in Mexico. Prodh also prepares reports for the treaty bodies when periodical reports regarding Mexico are to be reviewed. Prodh has been participating in a limited capacity in the Commission on Human Rights under the auspices of other NGOs that have consultative status.

Consultative status would enable Prodh to build on these activities. It would be able to fully participate and provide access to other Mexican NGOs in the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Activities would include the presentation of written and oral interventions before these commissions and the provision of expertise and information, regarding the human rights situation in Mexico, to delegation members and committee experts, with the aim of encouraging improvement of the human rights situation in Mexico.

18. KOREA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

Address: 446, Taewha-dong, Jung-ku, Ulsan
KOREA

Category requested: General

Date established: 10 March 1988

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 9,115 individual members and 172 organization members in 10 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Retained earnings	860
Membership dues	141 154
Contributions from Governments	127 133
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	3 125
Revenue from contracts etc.	33 635
Other sources	
Sales of recycled products	2 100
Publications	1 292
Bazaar	2 287
Collections	952
Sponsors from private sectors	8 503
Borrowings	106 667
Miscellaneous	694
Total	428 402

Expenditure

Administration	69 741
Projects	349 091
Other activities	
Christmas carol chorus festival	4 196
Supply of relief goods to the third world	3 414
Total	426 442

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

Korea was helped greatly by the United Nations and many foreign countries during the Korean War, so it is considered that now Korea should repay that assistance to the international society again. Therefore, this organization was founded by the President HA, Soung Soo in 1988 by himself and it is now a corporate juridical person with 9,115 members and organization members 10 years after its foundation, and now all of our members are cooperating, transcending

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nation, religion, race, sex and age, we are participating in activities of helping unfortunate neighbours, supporting welfare facilities, environmental observing education and volunteers education in Korea, and we have become an international civil service organization serving third world countries by protecting their natives, medical support for their health and humane support.

The reason why we are wishing to acquire the consultative status in the United Nations is:

(1) Secure personal protection and public trust for visiting the third world countries and the hinterlands and activities of our organization under the close cooperative system with the United Nations.

(2) That this organization can present our opinion through letters or oral reports to the United Nations concerning the inhabitants of the third world hinterlands where this organization participates in activities and the matters of concern and interest to the United Nations and also international problems.

(3) That we will report to the United Nations about the international problems which non-governmental organizations cannot solve and difficulties faced by the international non-governmental organizations to ask for cooperation, and we wish to consult with the international non-governmental organizations that have joined the United Nations.

19. HUMAN RIGHTS GUARD

Address: 118 rue du Rhône, CH-1204 Geneva
SWITZERLAND

Category requested: special

Date established: 18 April 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 102 individual members in 10 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars and Swiss francs)

Income

Membership dues	9 000
Contributions from Governments	0
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	0
Revenue from contracts etc.	0
Other income (donations from businessmen members)	22 000
Total	31 000

Expenditure

Administration	SF23 559
Projects	SF14 510
Other activities	SF 513
Total	SF38 582

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

According to Economic and Social Council 1996/31 which opens the door, in particular to encourage non-governmental organizations in the less developed countries, our aim is the defence of human rights and fundamental freedom in Yemen and other less developed countries in the Horn of Africa, in accordance with the principles proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations, and to search for peace, stability and development in those less developed countries and to eliminate violations of human rights according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Declaration on the Right to Development, the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Political Rights of Women, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Human Rights Guard will continue its task of calling on the Government of Yemen and on the Governments concerned to stop violations of human rights, and to give the priority to peace, stability and development.

During the past three years, we have concentrated on the human rights violations in Yemen as a first step. (Participating in H.R. sessions/ communications).

If granted consultative status, we will concentrate on less developed countries in the region of East Africa, which has similar problems as Yemen in all fields concerning the Economic and Social Council.

20. UNIVERSIDAD LATINOAMERICANA DE LA LIBERTAD FRIEDRICH HAYEK

Address: 780 N.W. Le Jeune Road, Suite 622
Miami, Florida 33126
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Category requested: general

Date established: 2 June 1995

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 17 individual members in 4 countries.

Summary of financial statement for June 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	0
Contributions from Governments	0
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations, foundations, corporations, inkind services and private individuals	1 925 017
Revenue from contracts etc.	0
Other income	0
Total	1 925 017

Expenditure

Administration	85 638
Projects	1 843 351
Other activities	0
Total	1 928 989

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The aims of La Universidad Latinoamericana de la Libertad Friedrich Hayek is to develop leadership in the American hemisphere, through the exercise of reason, under the sovereignty of God Almighty to further the state of democratic right through the principles of truth, freedom, education and friendship. Furthermore, our institution strives for the promotion of the ideals set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, based on the majority membership of Latin American nations at its establishment in 1945. In this sphere of work, our immediate goal is to further democracy through the facilitation of the necessary tools to implement this, in the American hemisphere, for its contribution to the founding and maintenance of the United Nations and in that spirit, to promote the ideals of freedom and equality, so that the American hemisphere may attain its goal of becoming the first democratic hemisphere in the history of humankind. Our institution intensively educates participants in its conferences

on the articles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which has gone to serve all of humankind as a model as to what is acceptable behaviour in terms of human rights. In addition, members of our institution were present in Rome in June 1998 to witness the historic agreement when world leaders signed the convention against genocide, becoming the basis for the adoption of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. There, in Rome, the Universidad intends to hold seminars to further the knowledge of what this Tribunal can do to end worldwide the practice of impunity. Also, in the spirit of the fiftieth anniversary of the first conference of "Freedom of the press" held in the United Nations, our institution intends to facilitate the information to the office of the Special Rapporteur on the freedom of expression as set up in the Organization of American States and other United Nations institutions, as well as to sponsor journalists to place calls on nations that our institution has identified in Latin America and which the Committee to Protect Journalists lists as countries that require further advancement in freedom of the press. In addition, we hold conferences in New York, Washington, Madrid, Paris, Miami and other cities to comply with the General Assembly resolution "Education is the sphere of human rights". These conferences include speakers the world over and the idea is to educate and propagate knowledge of human rights based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

21. CHARITABLE SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

Address: P.O. Box: 13254, Sanaa
Yemen

Tel: 967-1-230090/1
Fax: 967-1-230098
E-mail: CSSW2000@y.net.ye

Category requested: general

Date established: 1990

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 36,000 individual members and 19 branches (organization members)

Summary of financial statement 1998 (Yemeni rials)

Income

Membership dues	640 400
Contributions from Governments	9 346 043
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	409 291 504
Other income	10 697 603
Total	429 975 550

Expenditure

Administration	44 441 639
Projects	310 419 014
Other activities	
Total	354 860 653

Aims and activities

The Charitable Society for Social Welfare is a non-profitable non-political, humanitarian organization. It was founded to eradicate disease, hunger and illiteracy; support refugees; provide relief to victims of natural disaster; and participate in undertaking other humanitarian activities around the world.

The Society's primary goal is to provide services in the form of financial, educational, medical and counselling assistance to:

(a) The economically deprived and needy;

(c) The handicapped;

(d) The mentally and psychologically disturbed;

(e) Women, children and the elderly;

(f) Victims of economic and natural disasters.

The Society would participate in the work of the Council through the following:

(a) Designating authorized representatives to the public meetings of the Council;

(b) Submitting statements and papers relevant to the work of the Council and related to social development and the eradication of poverty;

(c) Participating in meeting by delivering oral presentations and discussions;

(d) Cooperating with the United Nations branches and agencies in Yemen, and providing with essential assistance and information relevant to social development;

(e) Exchanging information with the Council on related issues.